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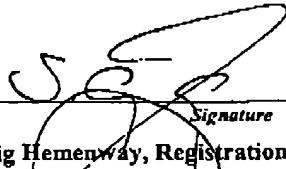
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present Amendment and Response is filed in reply to the final Office action dated 3 January 2006. This Amendment and Response is filed within two months from the mailing date of the final Office action and so the Applicant respectfully requests issuance of an advisory action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.